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ILLEGAL ALIEN RECEIVES 41-MONTH SENTENCE FOR IMMIGRATION OFFENSE

Today United States District Judge Kristi DuBose sentenced Misael Cabrera of Guatemala to 41 months imprisonment for illegally reentering the United States after previously having been deported.

Cabrera's sentence was greater than usual for illegal reentry cases, because he had a prior criminal history as an aggravated felon. Cabrera was convicted in 2005 in the state of Maryland for assault in the second degree, and he was deported in 2007 after completing a two year prison sentence. However, Cabrera was stopped by Alabama State Troopers in Baldwin County, Alabama, in December 2007 after he fled the scene of an accident and was found to be driving under the influence of alcohol. Cabrera was subsequently indicted in federal court for illegal reentry after deportation.

When he finishes his 41 month sentence, Cabrera will once again be deported from the United States.

This case was investigated by the Alabama Department of Public Safety, the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office, and the Department of Homeland Security Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement. It was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney D. Andrew Sigler.

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